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Prowlers Target UMW Commuters

By ELIZABETH PHELPS
Assistant News Editor

This October, UMW senior Jenna Elliot was watching television in her Moncure Street house with her boyfriend and housemate when she heard a noise at the locked door.

"Me, my roommate, and Matt [Elliot's boyfriend] were sitting there watching TV and we heard this scratching metal, like someone was picking our door to get in," Elliot said. "We all looked at each other like, 'Whoa, someone is definitely picking our lock right now.' I was looking out the window and I saw a man standing in our front yard and immediately called 911."

According to Elliot, the police arrived quickly, but were unable to locate the suspect, whom she described as a large African American man.

For students living off-campus at the University of Mary Washington, prowlers, including voyeurs, are nothing new. Several student houses, including Elliot's, have had problems with prowlers and voyeurs outside of their homes. However, according to Jim Sheshorse, Fredericksburg Police spokesman, there have been no recent—

in the past 30 to 60 days—incidents of voyeurism. According to fredericksburg.com, the last report of a "peeping tom" occurred on July 12.

Adams Street resident and UMW junior Anna Gunsten said that although she has never had an encounter with a voyeur, she has been affected by their presence on her street.

"It's an all-girls house—it has been for a few years—and I knew going into it that last year they had a problem with the peeping tom in that house and others in the area, especially in the all-girl houses," Gunsten said.

Right before school started this year, one of Gunsten's housemates, who was home alone, spotted a voyeur outside of the window. She called the police, but the voyeur had run away before they could catch him.

"They couldn't find him and, of course, she told her parents and they ended up not letting her live off-campus because of it," Gunsten said.

Since then, Gunsten has had an encounter with another possible prowler.

"One night we thought we had heard or seen something outside, and our



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Junior Anna Gunsten stands guard outside of her Fredericksburg house. She has never been victim of a prowler, but incidents in her neighborhood have kept her on the watch. "I haven't had any problems with it," she said. "But... it definitely freaks me out."

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Students Petition To Observe MLK Day

By AMAL OMER
Contributing Writer

A group of Mary Washington students have a dream—for the University to formally recognize Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by suspending classes on the national holiday.

UMW is one of three four-year public institutions in the state of Virginia that does not formally recognize MLK day, which is observed on the third Monday in January. Christopher Newport University and Virginia Military Institute also do not cancel classes on the day.

Aiming to implement this action for the 2008-2009 school year, the group, which consists of 19 students, is pursuing the movement to further the diversity initiatives that President William J. Frawley had mentioned in his State of the Uni-

versity address. They also feel it would make the University more comparable to its peer institutions, in matters of diversity awareness.

"I talked to Frawley and he said that before we did anything he wanted to talk with us about it," senior and Co-President of Students Educating and Empowering for Diversity (S.E.E.D.) Tempa Klinegore said.

Following Frawley's request, the group arranged to meet with him to discuss possibilities. However, a week before the meeting Klinegore received a call from Terry Luttrell, clerk of the board of visitors, who informed her that Mary Corbin, executive assistant to the president, would meet with them instead of Frawley.

Despite, Frawley's withdrawal from the Nov. 10

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Tuition Bills Go Virtual

By JESSY SIMON
Staff Writer

As finals approach, students begin to come up with creative ways to avoid studying. Besides the old standbys Facebook and YouTube, many students turn to their e-mail accounts for another form of procrastination, clearing out hundreds of e-mails that have been sitting unopened all semester. But this semester, students should think twice before deleting every e-mail that they see.

For the first time, UMW billing statements were distributed exclusively through student e-mail accounts during the week of Nov. 13. According to Accounts Receivable Manager Daniel Lawlor, this was the first time that the bills were not mailed to the students' homes in hard copy form.

Students were notified of this change only through flyers around campus and postings on the UMW Student Accounts Web site.

"Students are held as the responsible parties on their account," Lawlor said. "We put up the flyers because it wouldn't make sense to inform the students through e-mail that they would be getting another e-mail with their bill."

According to Associate Vice President of Business and Finance Richard Pearce, FERPA laws restrict how much contact UMW can have with parents about the change in the billing distribution.

Senior Mary Waldron was not pleased with this change.

"To me, it's ridiculous," she said. "I think that there has to be a way to look at the student's old accounts to see if they should send the bill to the student or the parents."

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Elizabeth Nowrouz/Bullet

James Farmer's bust stands in front of Trinkle Hall. Farmer worked with King during the civil rights battle.

Faculty Asking For "Strategic Plans"

By ERICA MASON
Staff Writer

In past years, if a faculty member left the University of Mary Washington, his or her department would decide how to fill the vacant spot. The department would choose to keep that same position, also called a "line," or hire a professor for a different subject. However, academic departments must now answer to a higher power.

Currently, according to a new plan developed by the administration, every vacant faculty position will be reviewed by the administration. They will ultimately decide if the money for that line will still be given to the department. If the department has not made a strong enough case for the position, the money will go to another department.

"Now, when a faculty line becomes vacant, the

department has to justify that hire. So they have to send a justification to me for the hire," Rosemary Barra, dean of faculty for the Fredericksburg campus, said. "It doesn't mean that the position can't be the same as it was, it just means that they have to go through the step of reiterating that that is what we really need."

Under President Frawley's new administration, the justification of empty faculty lines is just one part of a "strategic plan" that each UMW department must design. The strategic plan is a written formal proposal of each department's academic goals and objectives.

The requirement of the strategic plan was introduced to the faculty in late August. The proposals, which included all justifications of the empty positions, were developed throughout the semester by department heads and faculty members. They

were due to the administration on Nov. 1.

The departments were given no budgets or limits when asked to come up with the strategic plans.

"This was simply a strategic plan, not an operational plan, so ideas rather than necessarily an issue of feasibility," Barra said. "What I asked them to do was to

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"This is very typical at larger universities. However, that's not what we are."
—Werner Wieland

5 Day Forecast



Today

Partly Cloudy

High: 50
Low: 20



Friday

Mostly Sunny

High: 42
Low: 20



Saturday

Sunny

High: 49
Low: 24



Sunday

Sunny

High: 55
Low: 30



Monday

Partly Cloudy

High: 58
Low: 33

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GALAXY

Mars: Images taken by NASA's Global Surveyor spacecraft show evidence of recent water movement. This is a monumental discovery for many NASA scientists, have been looking for possibilities that the planet has ever harbored life. Scientists had previously found evidence of ice and water vapor, but liquid water is crucial to life.

—nytimes.com



WORLD

Moscow: The Russian government has refused to extradite any suspects arrested in the death of Alexander Litvinenko, a one-time Russian spy and outspoken critic of president Vladimir Putin. Litvinenko died in London in Nov. 2006 of radiation poisoning and the British government is treating it as murder.

—cnn.com

Baghdad: Saddam Hussein has begun attending trial for charges of war crimes brought against him. Also on trial are six co-defendants, many of them counterparts in Hussein's regime. Among the charges brought before the judges is the crack-down on Iraq's Kurdish population, which the prosecution maintains cost the lives of 180,000 people, most of them civilians.

—cnn.com

Paris: According to the French minister, Iran will be facing United Nations Security Council sanctions. The sanctions are being imposed as punishment for defying the U.N.'s demands to cease uranium enrichment, a process which can produce material for electricity and atomic warheads. The five major powers have come to disagreements concerning just how severe the sanctions would be.

—cnn.com

NATION

New York: A panel of conservative Jewish rabbis have made a ruling allowing same-sex unions, while still banning anal sex, which is forbidden in Judaism. Three of the panel's members resigned in protest of the decision, and because the rulings are contradictory, it will likely be up to each rabbi to decide if they will perform a commitment ceremony.

—washingtonpost.com

Kamehameha, Hawaii: Courts ruled that a number of private schools in Hawaii are allowed by their endowment to limit the number of Native Hawaiian children they enroll. Using unique factors in the history of Hawaii, including the legacy of a Hawaiian princess who funded the schools, Congress has endorsed the limitations. A large number of Native Hawaiians are given an education at a highly discounted price at the exclusive schools.

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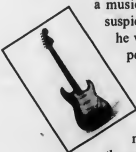
WEIRD

Boston: A former stripper has pled guilty to charges of mailing threatening letters and condoms filled with explosive material. The woman sent the condoms to a television station and various strip clubs, saying that she was tired of being mistreated by men. None of the condoms exploded and the woman has been sentenced to five years of supervised release.

—AP

De Queen, Ark.: An attempted shoplifter has been arrested after trying to steal a guitar by concealing it in his pants. The owner of a music store, acting on innate suspicion, asked the man what he was concealing, at which point he removed the instrument.

—AP



Tacoma, Wash.: A man has been acting as though he were mentally retarded for nearly 20 years, in order for his mother to collect disability benefits on his behalf. His mother insisted that he could not read or write, shower, take care of himself or drive a car. The act was uncovered after video caught him contesting a traffic ticket. The pair have been charged with conspiracy to defraud the government and Social Security fraud.

—AP



Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Editor In Chief



—Dec. 2—At 4:15 a.m., an officer on duty heard yelling coming from the direction of the amphitheatre. Upon investigation, he found a female screaming at a male. The female was intoxicated. Police arrested Emma L. Carone, an 18-year-old female residential student, for being drunk in public.

—Dec. 3—At 12:40 a.m., police received a call from a 19-year-old female resident of Mason Hall who said that someone had thrown

a stick through her window. Police arrived to discover that an 18-year-old male resident of Mason Hall had thrown the stick to get the attention of the occupants of the room because he was locked out of the building.

—Dec. 3—At 2:28 a.m., police received a call that several males were intoxicated in Marshall Circle. The officer arrived to find a male beating a fire hydrant with a recycling bin. Police arrested Justin L. Toney, a 19-year-old

male residential student, for being drunk in public.

—Dec. 3—At 3:30 a.m., An officer on duty witnessed a male running away from the Monroe fountain. The officer caught up with the male, who was soaked up to his chest, and discovered the student was intoxicated. Police arrested Eric P. Hetzer, an 18-year-old male residential student, for being drunk in public.

LIT Hosts Book Drive For Local Kids

By BETH KRIETSCH
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As a way to combine their love of literature with their desire to become more involved on campus, members of the UMW chapter of Lambda Iota Tau, the national honor society for literature, are holding a campus-wide book drive.

For the book drive, which began Dec. 4, LIT members are asking for new and gently used children's and young adult books which will be donated to the local Boys and Girls Club.

Senior Stephanie Barnes is the president of LIT.

"We want to have a large effect on the campus community and the community at large," Barnes

said. The 21 members of LIT placed wrapped drop-off boxes on the first and third floor of Combs Hall to collect the donated books. The boxes will remain in these locations through next Wednesday, Dec. 13. Additional drop-off boxes are also located in the library and Trinkle Hall.

"We thought the book drive was a good idea because it is something that really pertains to all of us," Barnes said. "Everyone has their favorite books from growing up."

Senior Jenna Lippin, secretary and head of public relations for LIT, is hoping that the students on campus will be enthusiastic about the fundraiser so that a decent amount of books are donated.

"Even if we get one book per kid at the Boys and Girls Club, that's something," she said.

As of Monday, 15 books had been collected. LIT members plan on holding additional fundraisers throughout the year with the hope of building the club into a well-known organization on campus. Barnes hopes that events like the book drive will help keep the momentum of the club going from year to year as seniors graduate and new members are inducted into the honor society.

"We want to do more than have our club just be about the graduation tassels and the resume," Barnes said. "We want to make a difference in our members' lives."

Fear Of Prowlers Increases Caution

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friends who came over later said when they were over they had seen somebody walking away from the house, across the yard," she said. "It definitely freaks me out, but since then I haven't had any major problems with it."

In the Commonwealth of Virginia,

voyeurs may be charged with a Class 1 misdemeanor punishable by up to 12 months jail time with a maximum fine of \$2,500. According to police spokesman Jim Shelhorse, a voyeur's past record often plays a significant role in the individual's sentencing. People charged with breaking and entering may be charged anywhere between a Class 1 misdemeanor and a Class 6 felony, where the individual may be jailed for one to five years.

Over the past two years a large number of voyeurs have been reported to the Fredericksburg and UMW police, according to the Sept. 22 issue of *The Bulletin*. At least one of the men caught peeping, Lloyd Lee Jones Jr., was arrested and has since served his sentence.

According to psychology professor Christopher Kilmartin, calling the police is an appropriate reaction, regardless of whether someone is trying to break in or is peeping.

"I would say [voyeurs] fall into three categories: immature sexuality category; they can be rapists; and they can be really seriously mentally-ill people, or very low intelligence kind of people—developmentally delayed people who don't even understand their own sexuality," Kilmartin said. "If you find out about [a voyeur], you can't really type them right away, so you have to take any of that behavior seriously. And the police tend to take it pretty seriously."

Shelhorse agreed. He urges students not to hesitate calling the police if they spot a voyeur.

"I would take [voyeurs] very seriously," he said. "We have not had any that have escalated from just peeping in a window to anything else. However, there's always a possibility that that person peeping in the window could be interested in more than just looking, so it could potentially be a dangerous situation."

Elliot said that in both her recent experiences with the prowler and in an incident of voyeurism in 2005, the police had been very helpful.

Elliot's first encounter with a voyeur occurred last year after fall break on her way home from another student house on Adams Street.

"[The police] came right away," Elliot said. "They were right down the

street, so they were here within seconds because they were on Adams Street interviewing those girls and they got a call that the Peeping Tom was now at our house, so they came down and were asking us questions and linking what they had heard previously to what our thing was. The second time they came right away, so they're pretty quick to respond."

In that instance, the man was caught peeping by her roommate, who screamed at Elliot to call 911 when she realized what was happening.

"I just called, I didn't ask questions," Elliot said. "She had been changing and there was a man videotaping her and she wasn't even aware

of it until she turned and saw a blinking light. She didn't know what it was, so she went over to the window and looked harder and she saw a video camera and hands around the video camera."

The next day when Elliot assessed her home she noticed that lawn chairs had been pushed up against the window of their downstairs bathroom which she thinks indicates that the voyeur had visited before without the residents' knowledge.

Though many voyeurs are not harmful, professor Kilmartin, who specializes in the prevention of gender-based violence, offered suggestions for students who are the victim of one.

"The guy can be preparing for a sexual assault or some other assault. I would say many voyeurs are not dangerous from a point-of-view of actual physically harming somebody, but some are," Kilmartin said. "Always report the behavior. Always take it seriously. One thing that college students sometimes don't do is lock your doors, do simple things like that. Most of them are relatively harmless, but you never know which one you've got."

After the Oct. 2006 incident, Elliot and her roommates began locking their doors. Elliot also convinced her landlady to add new motion sensor lights in the front and back yards, change the locks on all of the doors, and add a lock to a door that had previously not had one.

"I called my landlady the day after the guy had tried to break into our house just recently," Elliot said. "I was like, 'Listen, you need to get some more security measures on this house because I don't feel safe and neither do my roommates.'"

In the meantime, Elliot, a member of the UMW field hockey team, is taking drastic measures to ensure her safety at night.

"I actually sleep with my hockey stick now, next to my bed," she said. "It's just scary—a scary situation."

Admins Call For Departmental Plans

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look at their department to figure out where they wanted to go over the next five to ten years and what changes and what new things they would like to implement. We didn't have any kind of set format involved."

Barra is the first administrator to see the proposals. She will then bring them to Nina Mikhalevsky, the vice president for strategy and Policy. Together they will make some suggestions then take them to Fraxley. Barra said she hopes to have the plans back to the departments by the end of the semester. Aspects of the strategic plans that are approved by the administration will likely go into effect by Fall 2007.

"This was basically to get an idea where the departments want to go," Barra said. "Anytime a position becomes vacant, we have to look at that position to see if it fits with what their strategic plan is for the future. So you don't have to redo a strategic plan every time a faculty member leaves."

Under the old plan, a department would not have to give a formal proposal to the administration each time a faculty member left. While the administration played a small role in determining the fulfillment of that position, it was mostly up to the faculty to decide if they needed to keep the discipline taught by the leaving faculty member.

The new plan requires that each department must explain why the specific position is important to the overall objective.

"In some ways, it's not that the administration has taken more of an interest or responsibility; there was always a responsibility that came from this office," Barra said.

Barra pointed out that under the old plan, the administration did sometimes intervene and decide that a faculty line was no longer needed. "[A department's decision] is not always an absolute. If there was not a need for a line to continue, there have been cases over the years where a faculty line has not been filled if the need was not there. And that has been an administrative decision."

However, she did say that usually, this decision was up to the departments alone.

"Now, we are looking at every position that becomes vacant to make sure that the department is justifying it in the context of what their plans are for their department, and we have the right to say 'yes, we agree with that' or 'no,'" she said.

With the added responsibility of writing these formal proposals, Barra said that some department chairs were concerned with the extra workload.

Werner Wieland, chair of the biology department, said that having to do the work was not a bad thing,

just the speed at which it had to be done was straining.

"I know people are annoyed by it [developing the strategic plan], but I don't think anyone's outraged," Wieland said.

Leonard Koos, chair of the department of modern foreign languages, spent a lot of extra time developing the strategic plan. He hopes to add Mandarin Chinese to the department.

"I'm sure I can say this for all department chairs that this has been an extraordinary amount of work to do," Koos said.

While Wieland understands that the administration often plays a large role in academic departments, he is not quite sure if that is how it should be done at UMW.

"This is very typical at larger universities," Wieland said. "However, that's not what we are."

A faculty line cannot be maintained solely for the purpose of teachers being needed due to the large number of students in the department.

"We are not following anybody's format or anything, but most departments will look periodically at their departments and see where they are going," Barra said. "And it just corresponded with the new president coming on campus."

Barra said that probably most departments do not like the idea that if somebody retires, they may not be able to replace them.

Mary Rigby, professor of English and the faculty senate president-elect, is not concerned about faculty positions being taken away from the department of English, linguistics and speech.

"If some department is coming up with a brilliant new way of conceiving their major, and if that department looks good, then we're going to look good; the whole university ends up benefiting," Rigby said. "English is going to be heard no matter what, we're not going anywhere."

Rigby also pointed out that examining the goals of each department would be beneficial to the students, despite the time constraint.

"Generally it's a positive process," Rigby said of the strategic plans. "Because anytime we stop and ask ourselves 'what are we doing, and why are we doing it instead of some other way,' I think we have a better clarity in setting the curriculum for the students. On the other hand, there are only 24 hours in a day. I, really, we, would have wanted to have more time for this process."

For next August, three full-time faculty positions have been approved. Currently, there are 22 academic departments and about 218 full-time faculty members teaching on the Fredericksburg campus.

Viewpoints

So Long

It's been three years since I started working on *The Bulletin*, but next semester I'm not coming back. I'm walking away from the bastard child that is this paper in a last ditch effort to graduate on time, and it's with mixed emotions that I hand in the keys to our windowless office.

Will it be nice not to have to spend the entirety of my Tuesday locked away in the dungeon of Seacoveck? Sure. Will it be nice not to have to worry about who I'm going to irritate with my next review? Absolutely.

Will I enjoy no longer having my name on the top non-daily paper in our district and one of the top ten papers in our country? Absolutely not.

I've been proud to be able to say that I've worked on a paper this committed to integrity and quality.

I have to say thank you as well. Each of us on the staff feel obligated to thank every one of you who bother to pick up our paper each week. In the end, it's really your fault that we hunker down into the bunker that is *The Bulletin* office every Tuesday and Wednesday night for upwards of ten hours a week.

It's for you that we labor over whether or not "blacks" is Associated Press style or not, or whether it's pm, PM, afternoon or p.m. (it's the last one, by the way).

We check and recheck student class rank, proper spelling of names and the facts of our articles, most of the time long before we even consider the assignments we have for our own classes the next day.

We do it with no pay, little funding from the school and, if we are the lucky ones who participate in the Practicum class, we do it for one credit a semester, but we do it with pride because we know we are your voice.

Every Thursday we see a sea of faces buried between our pages to learn what the administration won't tell them and what they have the right to know.

We see you entertained by our reviews and our first person stories, as well as the triumphs and defeats of our sports teams.

We strive for accuracy and precision because we know that if we don't, we will hear from our four thousand plus editors. So thank you.

Zach Bowman, Entertainment Editor, will be leaving the Bulletin staff. We'll miss you!

Stop Human Trafficking

By MARIA GARCIA and RICHARD RIOS
Guest Columnists

In 1865 Abraham Lincoln abolished slavery in the United States and many thought that this was enough and that we need not push the issue further.

Afterwards, we thought segregation was OK, what's more, necessary. Laws were made that prohibited inter-racial marriages, that banned white nurses from working on colored people, and from riding in the front seats of buses. We thought that was OK until the Civil Rights struggle, until the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education pushed desegregation and everybody became equal. We thought that was enough.

Now, we have become content with the equality we think we have. We believe that there is nothing else left to do. But many ignore modern-day slavery; many ignore that slavery still exists.

Today there are 27 million slaves in all six continents and there are 14,500 to 17,000 people who are trafficked in to the U.S. each year. These slaves, these human beings, are forced into working the agricultural fields in Florida, the brothels in Las Vegas and the factories in New York.

There are people who have come willingly, craving the American dream and watching it become their American nightmare. There are people who have come unknowingly, following a loved one that has un-

carefully dropped into their living hell. And there are those that are too young to know that they are enslaved, the children sold to pay off their parents debt. These children end up paying for it with their innocence, as do so many other enslaved people here in the U.S. and around the world.

Trafficking of human beings is rapidly becoming the fastest growing criminal activity in the world, yielding \$9 billion in profits in the U.S. alone.

The need for cheap labor has created immensely complicated trafficking rings that are hard to track down, making those responsible for these crimes hard to track and even harder to prosecute. Traffickers know this and take advantage of people's ignorance and their reluctance to pursue the issue.

That is where people like us, students at UMW can make a difference. By simply acknowledging that slavery still



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exists we are adding another grain of sand towards the fight against slavery. Knowledge is power and we the more we spread of it, the easier it will be to combat slavery today.

That is one of the reasons that a chapter of SSTOP (Students Stopping the Trafficking of People) was started here on campus, to simply educate those in the Mary Washington community about slavery and what's more, to help eradicate modern-day slavery.

This Friday, Dec. 8, SSTOP will have a table outside the Eagles Nest from 12 noon to 4 p.m., selling crafts that rescued survivors of human trafficking have made.

These articles are not only eye-pleasing, but are at the same beautiful in spirit. Corny, I know, but simply knowing that these articles were made by a survivor is amazing.

How do you regain and rebuild your life after having had your basic human rights taken away from you? Yet these women (the crafts are made by women, mostly because women and children make up over 80 percent of trafficked victims; this in no way is meant to lessen the importance of enslaved men today) are doing so surely by striving to empower themselves and rebuild their lives.

The profits made from these crafts goes directly back to the women who made them, because every little bit counts when you are trying to gain your life back.

Maria Garcia and Richard Rios are seniors.

Preserve And Renovate

By IRENE FRANKOFSKY, LAUREL HAMMIG, THERESA HICKS, TRILLIAN HOSTICKA, BETSY FLAIG, MORGAN RILEY, LAUREN TRICE and REBECCA GALL
Guest Columnists

The University of Mary Washington has great history rooted in strong academic values, instilling students with "freedom of inquiry, personal responsibility and intellectual integrity," as stated in the mission statement of the office of Academic Affairs.

These academic values are reflected in student lifestyle and the University's campus must be upheld. As the institution's centennial approaches, it is important for us to embrace our history and academic values.

Monroe Hall is the institution's first academic building, designed by Charles M. Robinson and built in 1911, an icon of the institution and a tangible reflection of its founding values. Its importance to the university, campus, student body, alumni and community is profound; however, it is in need of renovation.

The building contains wood molding and paneling, hardwood floors that are currently concealed by carpet, large original windows, and original door hardware labeled with the initials of the institution's first name, the State Normal and Industrial

School for Women.

In addition, the building contains extensive mural work designed by art professor Emil R. Schnelllock, and completed by students of the art department in the 1940s.

Currently, the building is scheduled for renovations and a committee of faculty and students has been formed to discuss the renovation.

Although multiple departments are represented among the committee members, faculty from the Historic Preservation department have not been included.

Due to the building's age and original fabric we believe the department should be included. When forming any well-rounded answer to a problem, multiple solutions must be considered. Therefore, when discussing how to renovate Monroe Hall, multiple opinions must be heard.

Fortunately, the University has a great asset, its academic departments. The departments of the University give it its unique character. University administrators must embrace the principles of our academic departments, because without their support the institution is nothing. When planning the renovation of Monroe Hall, the University can utilize Mary Washington's Historic Preservation department.

The Historic Preservation department faculty is



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well trained in the preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic buildings. Many of them have worked extensively in the field and have valuable experience. The department's faculty has trained its students in responsible methods of preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation of historic buildings and encourages their participation in active preservation efforts locally and even around the world. In addition, practical experience plays a vital role in the education of students.

That is why it is of great importance that the faculty and students of the Historic Preservation Department participate in the planning, process and outcome of the renovation of Monroe Hall. The Historic Preservation Department and the committee for the renovation of Monroe Hall can work collectively on this project to ensure this treasure is preserved to last for many years to come.

In this time of transition and centennial celebration it is important to respect the history and traditions of our institution. We recognize needed change in campus facilities and that change can be beneficial for students and faculty.

With this article, we hope to educate the student body on campus changes and the efforts of the Preservation Club of UMW. The renovation of Monroe Hall is something to be celebrated. We must embrace our "freedom of inquiry, personal responsibility and intellectual integrity" as we consider the future of Monroe Hall.

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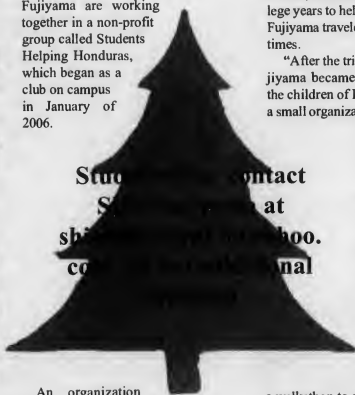
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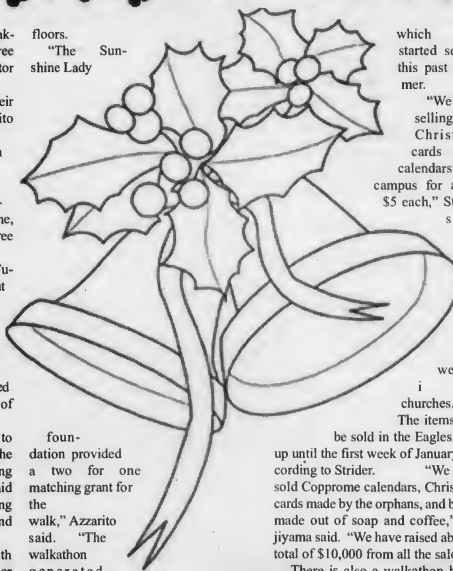
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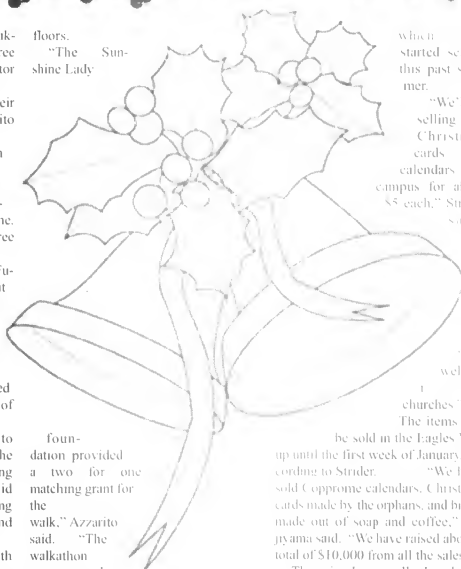
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Still, the reporter could not decide whether to wait in line or not. A quick phone call confirmed that the systems were all already selling for over \$2,000 on eBay. It was a decision many on campus may have loved to have, as all 400,000 Playstation 3 systems were going to sell out across the country within minutes of their launch.

"I'm one of the few, the proud, the all-nighters," said junior Joseph McMahon, referring to his strategy for getting the Wii, Nintendo's new videogame system, when it launched on Nov. 19. It's not his first time.

"Last year when the [Microsoft] Xbox 360 came out, I pulled an all-nighter in front of Best Buy in the freezing rain, which was pretty miserable," he continued.



McMahon is not just an avid

videogame fan, but the creator of the University of Mary Washington's Gamer's Guild, a club in its inception stages for gamers on campus to get together and play videogames.

His dedication illustrates the near impossibility of getting a new videogame system when it launches. Manufacturing shortages and high demand always seem to go hand-in-hand, creating a huge buying frenzy, especially for the desperate.

Pre-orders around the country sold out for first shipments on the Wii and Playstation 3, and many people waited outside of Best Buy just like McMahon.

An employee from Best Buy Fredericksburg, who would only give his name as "Shane," gave the same advice that he has given dozens of others on how to get one of the systems at launch: Just wait in line.

Best Buy was a popular target because, unlike specialty videogame stores, it had units for sale on launch day. Most videogame chains, such as EBGames and Gamestop, reported on their Web sites that they sold out of their initial shipment via preorders months ago.

While a hard part may be getting your hands on a system, deciding which to buy can be even more challenging.

The "console war," as those familiar with the systems call it, happens when the major videogame manufacturers put out their newest systems about every five or six years.

Sony's Playstation 3 was the

early frontrunner but has hit some snags in the past year. For one, the console launched in two versions, one costing \$499.99 and one at \$599.99. Of course, to get the most out of your console, you are going to want to get the one that is \$599.99. The XBOX 360, on the other hand, launched with two versions, one at \$299.99 and one at \$399.99. The price difference is critical for some buyers.

"I would really like to play Metal Gear Solid 4, but \$600 plus is a bit much to ask for. Sony will be losing so much money too, especially if no one buys the system," said freshman David Adams, also a member of the Gamer's Guild. McMahon agreed.

"I'm not really all that interested in the PS3, I was at Target the other day and they had one on display, and although it was impressive, from what I could see it didn't look all that much better than my 360," he said.

Microsoft's XBOX 360 launched late last year and has already established itself as a strong contender. It has the most in-depth Internet connectivity and the biggest library of new titles so far. Exclusive games for the system include Perfect Dark Zero, Gears of War, and next year's Mass Effect and Halo 3.

Enter Nintendo. Instead of making a system that also plays movies and music, the company decided to focus on reinventing gaming itself. Their new controller can best be described as a nunchuck, with one hand holding a thumbpad to steer and the other hand holding a big remote which is used to move around and point at the screen. The remote is able to detect motion and send information to the game. For example, to swing a sword in the game, you

would just have to swing the remote in real life. To hit a pitch, hold it like a batter might and swing at the incoming ball.

While this may seem like a cheap gimmick to some, others are thrilled with the innovation and \$249.99 price tag.

"I would get a Wii over an XBOX 360 and Playstation 3 because it's something I can afford. I love Nintendo and the games they come out with, and I just really like how they're trying to break out of the box," said sophomore Zachary McGonigal, or as his Facebook profile lists him, "Zachari-Wii-McGonigal."

Members of the Guild also pointed to Nintendo's critically acclaimed launch title, "The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess," as a big reason to purchase the console.

GameRankings.com, which compiles review scores, lists it as the 11th highest-rated game of all



time. Sony's Playstation 3 launched on Nov. 17, and Nintendo's Wii launched on Nov. 19.

The *Bullet* reporter, like so many others, ended up leaving the line for a Playstation 3 empty handed.

Invoice Concert Colors a "Grey" Audience

By CAITLIN COGGINS
Staff Writer

Some may have thought it was a risky decision for the University of Mary Washington's a cappella group, Invoice, to have their winter concert at the same time of the new episode of ABC's hit show "Grey's Anatomy." The female-male ratio on campus being what it is, and "Grey's Anatomy" attracting female viewers the way it does, it had to have taken a lot of guts. Despite these odds, Invoice sang to a packed Dodd Auditorium on Thursday, November 30th at 9 p.m.

Although the group clearly didn't have a thing to worry about, they still attempted to appeal to the "Grey's Anatomy" fans by displaying pictures all over campus of the boys in scrubs and carrying stethoscopes. Whether it was the advertising campaign or simply the natural appeal of the boys themselves, something worked. Invoice was greeted by a screaming and rowdy crowd. They walked on to the stage to the theme song of "Grey's Anatomy," "Psapp's 'Cosy in the Rocket," keeping up with their original theme. Once the crowd began to calm down, junior Justin

Schlesinger started things off with a Ben Folds Five song called "Army." Schlesinger's antics on stage, along with his beat boxing were a crowd favorite.

This was quickly followed by John Legend's "Used to Love You," led by freshman Curran Bullock. Invoice then introduced themselves to the crowd. However, no names could even be heard over the screams of the crowd. Some things that were distinguishable, however, were that the group included many new members, including six new freshmen, which now make up half the group. These included previously mentioned Curran Bullock, Michael Hollister, Harrison Roberts, Andrew Welsh, Scott Altman and Forrest Marquise. These new members bring a lot of energy and enthusiasm to the group.

"The younger members saved Invoice," Schlesinger said. "At the beginning of the year, Invoice almost had to stop because of the lack of participation. But thanks to the freshman we are still around."

After introducing themselves, Invoice immediately went into another song. Led by senior Nam

Duong, they did a cover of the All American Rejects' "Move Along." After their cover of the All American Rejects, Invoice went into a boy band medley, including numbers by N'Sync, the Backstreet Boys, and even the temporary mock boy band "2gether." The entire medley was greatly appreciated by the crowd, and could barely be heard over all the screaming and cheering. The songs were performed by Senior Ian White, Sophomore Matthew Herr and Schlesinger. They ended the medley with a short intermission.

The entirety of the show was accompanied with a trippy light show, and added excitement to the experience.

Invoice returned from the intermission with their strongest song of the show. Led by seniors Philip Holbrook and Duong, Invoice performed a cover of KC and JoJo's "All My Life." Holbrook and Duong's voices definitely led the group to a stunning performance, which left the audience in awe.

"It was definitely my favorite song in the show," said sophomore Britney DeVries.

Another standout performance was again led by

Duong, who led the cover of "Belief" by Gavin DeGraw. His voice remained strong and clear throughout the entirety of the show. This particular song was extremely well synchronized and filled with feeling.

Another particular standout performance were the raps performed by Schlesinger throughout the show, some of which were written by Schlesinger himself.

The show ended on a strong note, with a cover of Justin Timberlake's "What Goes Around Comes Around." All of the guys did a fantastic job, and it was an incredible feat, considering that group only includes 12 members.

"The singing was fantastic, and the view wasn't bad either," said sophomore Grace Boyers. It sounds like Invoice was yet another loyal fan.

Invoice already has one CD out, called "Male Bomb," and they are currently recording a new CD, which should be out next semester. They will also be looking for new members next semester. This winter break, they are doing a high school tour of schools in Northern Virginia.

the Spotlight

By WILL COPPS
Entertainment Editor

While the feature article in the section this week details some of the most publicized titles for new videogame systems, perhaps the year's biggest surprise went virtually unnoticed last week when it was released for XBOX 360.

If you have ever played Nintendo's Super Smash Bros., that very name drop got you excited before I put the period at the end of this sentence. Gastronaut Studios created what you might call a blatant rip-off, but with one important addition: guns. Lots and lots of guns.

While it does not have the recognizable characters of Nintendo's classic, pandas shooting exploding crossbows and laser-blasting robots will win your heart in no time.

The best part of it all? The game is ready to download on XBOX Live and will only cost you \$10.

While the game does not have the depth of a full featured (and full priced) title, there is a surprising amount of depth for a download. The action is based mainly around gun fights, although there are swords and melee attacks still. Players move with the left thumb stick and aim with the right thumb stick, able to fire both primary and secondary weapons.

There are a healthy amount of levels, characters,

weapons, and power-ups throughout the levels, some of which are very impressive. For example, one level called "Tordano" finds characters not only fighting each other, but jumping around between flying trucks, soda machines, sheep, and scattered debris, trying not to fall as the screen scrolls back and forth.

Single player is fun but straightforward, with good artificial intelligence and some fairly difficult matches. Multiplayer, however, is where the game really shines. The sound is fairly unspectacular, but the graphics are impressive, and could not have been done on older systems. The character animations and level



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backgrounds are all nice to look out, though not distracting. The backgrounds work well to complement the great level design.

My biggest gripe is with the jumping controls. While it may not seem like a huge deal, when you actually start playing and begin dying because you miss what should be an easy double jump, it can become very frustrating. A little practice and you should usually be able to work around it, but it becomes an unnecessary distraction and can take away from some of the fun.

If you have an XBOX 360, plug in your Ethernet cable, sign on to XBOX Live (it's free), and download the trial demo. It will give you a good idea of how much fun the game can be.



The Bullet would like to thank Entertainment Editor Zach Bowman for his fantastic work with the paper. This will be Zach's last issue as editor, but don't be surprised to see him contributing some next semester.



Carbon Leaf Rocks Crowd at UMW

By MATT ELLIOT
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Virginia-based band Carbon Leaf performed at Dodd Auditorium on Dec. 30 to a crowd of over 400 people, made up mostly of Mary Washington students and some scattered Fredericksburg fans.

In an attempt to build up the release of their seventh album, "Love Loss Hope Repeat," the band from Richmond is playing a number of colleges and universities, including the University of Mary Washington, before they hit the road for five months on their official record-label tour that ends in Chesapeake in May.

Lucky fans enjoyed a great show that proved to be as intimate as their ticket prices, with students paying a modest \$5, and \$10 for the pub-

lic. These prices are a steal compared to those of their later shows that are three times as much.

Many of the songs Carbon Leaf performed Thursday night were taken from their new album that hit stores back in September. "Love Loss Hope Repeat," referring to what the band perceives as the four seasons of a relationship, is an album somewhat different than their previous LPs, which were full of Celtic-tinged roots rock.

As a result, there were essentially two sides to the concert, one that catered in the new material and another that remembered the old.

Of course the band played crowd favorites like "Desperation Song" and "The Boxer" from their earlier album, "Echo Echo," and hits like "Life Less Ordinary" and "Let Your Troubles Roll By" from their last LP, "Indian Summer." Of the more recent songs they performed, Carbon Leaf's new hit "Learn to Fly" and the story-telling "The War Was in Color" were both pieces

that electrified the crowd. However, many of the fans that went Thursday night wished Carbon Leaf had played more songs from their earlier albums. Devout fan and Richmond native, sophomore Shelley Campbell, expressed satisfaction with the show but also reluctantly emphasized a nostalgia for the old Carbon Leaf.

"I'm very, very upset they didn't do older stuff," Campbell said. "I was screaming for it."

Some felt the abundance of new material somewhat toned down the show.

"Their older stuff is really happy and upbeat, while their new stuff is more mellow," said sophomore Molly Campbell.

Regardless of the songs the band played, the show was an overall success. Carbon Leaf provided a good balance of music with many intimate moments that established a strong bond with the audience. At one point, the band took a break off stage and when they returned, lead

singer Barry Privett came back with a sign in his hand that read "No Rosin" (rosin can damage floor surfaces), which he then taped to the microphone, a rebellious move the crowd definitely appreciated. Privett even expressed his joy about performing in Fredericksburg as opposed to the circumstances of the last time Carbon Leaf performed here when Maryland, Virginia, and the D.C. area were dealing with the sniper shootings back in 2002.

Campbell reassured that despite her grumblings about the song selection she enjoyed the show.

"It doesn't matter because I love them to death," she said.

For those of you who missed Carbon Leaf or who could not get enough of them last Thursday night, be sure to ask Santa for tickets to their show on New Years Eve at the Canal Club in their native city of Richmond.

Professor By Day, Musician By Night

Earnhart Equally Talented Behind Mic

By JULIE SKARWECKI
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Brady Earnhart is an adjunct instructor of English at the University of Mary Washington, but he is just as popular for his instructing techniques as he is for his music. Earnhart has been playing guitar for about thirty years, and began playing with cellist Rebecca Maxon about four months ago.

"I think in both music and teaching, your point of departure is wanting to make this cool thing happen that somebody else once made happen for you," Earnhart said. "Some of the people in music who have done it for me—and still do—are John Martyn, Joni Mitchell, Ida, Richard Buckner, Keith Jarrett, Steve Reich, Bach . . . it'd take pages to make any kind of decent list, of course."

You may have seen Earnhart around campus, or even taken one of his classes, but until you see him playing an acoustic guitar with a harmonizing cellist, the essence of Brady can not be fully grasped. On Nov. 17, Earnhart played in the WMWC Folk Show alongside Arum Rae, Pagoda, and The Louisiana Gator Boys. The show was held in the Lee Hall Ballroom. While the collection of artists was suited for the venue, Earnhart's music typically needs to be "enjoyed by an open fire with a cup of scotch," Fredericksburg local Sarah Rondeau said.

Earnhart denied writing songs in such contexts, though he did say "I don't play out very often, mostly because, to get anything out of my music, an audience needs to be pretty quiet, and there aren't many listening-room venues around here." With only two instruments, Earnhart and Maxon create music with the deep, warm timbre of a mid-winter snowstorm, the mellow clarity of Earnhart's voice and the intensity of his lyrics threatening to bring anyone to tears.

"I generally write songs when I need to figure out something that regular conversation can't get at," Earnhart said. "It's a way of making emotional confusion manageable, giving it a name. Sometimes spending a week out in the country somewhere with just a guitar and

a tape recorder can be really helpful, but ideas also come when you're driving or walking or talking with friends; it can be a trap to tell yourself you can't write unless you have just the right environment."

Emotional confusion is a common theme in Earnhart's music, and the richness of his voice adds a powerful element to the poignant topics. The sincerity of his music provides even more strength with it's sincerity, as he tackles the controversial topic of homosexuality in songs such as "Honey Don't



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Think Your Momma Don't Know," and "Something About Him."

"I've never had any problem (that I know of) as a result of the content of my songs," Earnhart said. "Writing about gay characters or situations has felt like a boon if anything, since they haven't been explored that much in popular music—there's a built-in freshness to it."

Writing largely from experience, his music contains an element of truth that rings out loudly and powerfully.

"Everything we write has its beginnings in our own experience," Earnhart said. "But if a song's going to be any good you have to be willing to let it take over at some point. Say you start out writing about somebody named Sarah. As the song takes shape you feel it wants a name with a different texture or just one syllable—you have to be open to that."

Albeit his first appearance at UMW, Earnhart plays shows in the Fredericksburg and greater Virginia area with his bandmate Rebecca Maxon. His schedule of shows can be found on his Web site, bradyearnhart.com, where fans can purchase his two albums, "After You" and "Malapan," as well as join his mailing list.

Bullet Hits:

Top 5 Things I Should Have Written a Top 5 About

By JOHN SHERIDAN
Staff Writer

I learned along time ago that I can't please everyone. And now that the stress of exams has closed its icy digits around my throat, the prospect of pleasing anyone looks rather dim. There are probably a lot of poignant or thought-provoking issues I could have discussed in this Bullet Top 5, but the way I see it, I don't have time. You probably don't even have time to comb through *The Bullet* this week. So all apologies to the readers, but here are a few of the topics I would have written a Top 5 about if I had put more love and care into it.

5. Top 5 Ways to Relax During Exam Time

Like you don't get this one every semester anyway. Get good sleep, pace yourself, take breaks, blah blah... quite frankly, I'm not the guy to go to on this one. I freak out around exam time. I'm a loose cannon. That's why I didn't write this one. Let's move on.

4. Top 5 Ways to Procrastinate During Exam Time

This is much more my field of expertise. My advice is to distract yourself with your electronics, which is not hard. Keep your cellphone on at all times. Log on to whatever instant messenger you have and stay on it. Get your stalk on for a while with Facebook, or talk long-distance to your friends taking semesters-abroad with Skype. Drown yourself in the sea of information that is Wikipedia while you're at it. Oh, and get a Wii. Those things are insanely addictive and you will waste hours of your life looking like an idiot but feeling like a king. A king with nunchucks.

3. Sharks

I could write a Top 100 about sharks if I had to, because nothing about them is not incredible. For instance, some sharks can smell blood at a concentration of one part blood to one million parts seawater. Sharks even have tiny sensory organs in their heads that detect the electrical fields of living things in water. And allegedly these beasts don't get cancer. But now you're thinking, "What do sharks have to do with anything? He's just rattling off nonsense and trying to be funny." Hence, no Shark Top 5 this week. Probably next time though.

2. Top 5 Republican Resignations

I don't consider myself Republican or Democrat, but man some of these Republicans are dropping like flies this year.

1. Florida Congressman Mark Foley resigned in September.
2. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, after offering his resignation twice during the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, was finally set free by President Bush.
3. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John R. Bolton stepped down this year as well.

I could go on, but I said I wasn't going to write a Top 5 about this, and hell if I'm going to stray from the agenda at hand.

1. SEX

Sex seems to be fairly common in *The Bullet* recently, especially with the Sexclamations column and the heat it has generated. *The Bullet* has received mixed reader responses to Sexclamations; some love it, some really can't stand it. I could jump on the controversy bandwagon and write a scandalous Top 5 about sex, but I simply don't feel I have the right. Nobody should go to *The Bullet* for sex advice, honestly, and nobody should write about sex unless you have genuinely useful information to impart to everyone, not simply your opinions of what sex is or compromising situations you've experienced in the past. Telling you how to have sex is not our job, America. Our job is putting you in a non-awkward threesome with information and entertainment.

News

Campus Walk Becomes Forum For Lovers And Haters of UMW

By BRITTANY DEVRIES
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Recently images of chalked artwork, campaigns, and quotes have become as much a piece of scenery on campus as the trees.

"If you think about it, the campus is really just made of grass and chalkboards," said Justin Toney, a sophomore.

Toney's chalkboard metaphor became much more obvious to students when an unidentified student decided to chalk out "50 Reasons Why I Hate UMW" across campus walk between the Bell Tower construction site and Lee Hall on Nov. 15.

Most students and staff members stepped over the comments, but some people didn't pass by so quickly, including Richard Hurley, vice president of planning and finance.

"I would like to think it was a disgruntled student, and not the feelings felt by the majority [of students] here," Hurley said. "President Frawley is keen on using the input of students and faculty to help improve this institution. Under our new president, [we] are trying very hard to listen to and utilize the input people have."

Hurley mentioned the list to Frawley, as well as Nina Mikhailovsky, vice president of strategy and policy, and Bernard Chirico, dean of student affairs. However no further administrative action was made.

Hurley did consider contacting Facility Services to wash the chalk off but decided not to because there was a forecast of rain for the evening.

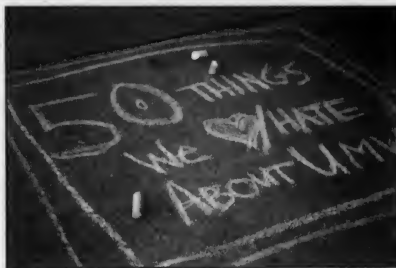
The fifty reasons included "no football team," "Fredericksburg sucks," "Ok, so I'm drunk, now what?" and "whiter than a picket fence." Six statements referred to alcohol consumption and two referred to UMW's ethnicity ratio.

Toney and sophomore Jonathan Trenary were so upset with the public list of grievances they grabbed chalk and began to list "50 Things That are Awesome About UMW" on the fountain masonry outside of Monroe Hall.

"The ideas were based most around what we've done, stuff we like, what we've heard about," Trenary said. "It wasn't a stretch to get to fifty."

As the reasons to love UMW grew on people, the list grew as well. Anyone was welcomed to grab chalk and write their own reason for loving the campus. The list reached nearly 80 by the end of the day.

"Happy People," "Downtown is Awesome," "Junk Science," "Rugby and Soccer," "Ultimate," "Cheap Seats," "Nugget Night," and "Swimming in Fountains" were some of the reasons listed on the



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fountain.

Because the second group of statements was not composed until later in the day, many of the prospective students taking tours witnessed only the first list.

Carol Ben-Davies, assistant director of multicultural student affairs, was disappointed by what she read.

"It is sad. For prospectives and their families, it is pretty sad to have them see that," she said.

Trenary had a similar concern about the image the list portrayed to people interested in attending UMW.

"There were plenty of groups coming around and touring that

day," Trenary said. "Of course, one is entitled to freedom of speech, but to be presented with a list of reasons as to why this campus supposedly sucks was extremely demoralizing for many people."

Trenary pointed out that the list addresses few actual problems, and mainly focuses on personal complaints. This is also what prevented Hurley from pursuing the incident further.

"For example, you would have to live under a rock to have never heard students complain about the food at Seacobeck," Hurley said.

Seacobeck was the first reason for hating UMW listed on the walkway.

Covering the brick on campus with chalk is not a printed violation in the Student Handbook, but defacing campus property is an infringement of University policy. It is disputed as to whether using chalk on school property is a form of campus defacement.

Trenary said he is not bothered by the legal implications of his list, and finds the use of chalk an expressive way to temporarily advocate an opinion without causing any harm.

"Chalk is fantastic," Trenary said. "It eventually washes away, but until then, students can leave their mark and say what they have to say. I think that is cool."

Toney argued that the writer's complaints towards UMW's lack of good parties, beer, sex, and drugs, which are typical college-life stereotypes, are what makes the environment at UMW so unique.

"The environment forces you to be creative and independent to have a good time," Toney said. "People are more constructive that way."

Ben-Davies, though appreciative of freedom of speech on campus for both the positive and negative opinions regarding the college atmosphere, thinks that students and faculty are best represented, not by chalk, but by looking around campus.

"[The list] had everybody's heads down," Ben-Davies said. "People should not be looking down; they should be looking up."

Petition To Recognize MLK Day Circulates

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meeting Klinegore said, "[The meeting] went really well. [Corbin] was very receptive and positive, and has fulfilled every promise to look into our requests."

"I have been very impressed with the students' planning and presentations to date," Corbin said.

The movement began with Klinegore, who recalled current senior Stefanie Parker's solo efforts a few years ago to have classes cancelled in recognition of MLK day and remembers the frustrations of her efforts not following through. Klinegore and Junior Marija Ozolins, also co-president of S.E.E.D. raised the idea to their members.

With support from S.E.E.D.'s members to pursue the issue, Klinegore approached Parker along with Black Student Association, Brothers of a New Direction and Women of Color, other student organizations that have now joined the movement.

"I feel the whole issue of diversity is always pushed from the administration and staff," junior and Black Student Association President Candace Kent said.

"There are groups of students who are really invested in diversity and we take it seriously. This is one step in our initiative."

The group began work on their petition by contacting all public institutions, as well as community colleges in the state of Virginia, to tally other state institutions recognition of the day.

In their research, they have found that 12 out of 15 four-year state institutions cancel classes on the day, while 14 out of 22 state community colleges cancel classes.

Their research also found that schools which have recently begun to recognize the day have done so by either a student movement or because of a new president. With the University starting the school year with Frawley, the group felt it was a favorable time to present its case.

The organization has also found the student body to be responsive towards their efforts.

"I'm all for more recognition for MLK day," junior William Hawk said.

We emphasize other holidays way more than we should, and we don't really emphasize the things that we should enough,"

Senior Sulakshana Seevaratnam expressed a similar sentiment.

"I think the movement is commendable given the fact that we preach diversity so much and we have displayed the bust of James Farmer so proudly, yet we refuse to recognize Martin Luther King, Jr., who worked along with Farmer in the civil rights movement," Seevaratnam said.

James Farmer, a former UMW professor of History and American Studies, helped found The Congress Racial Equality (CORE) in 1942, where he worked with King on the civil rights efforts. CORE, a human-rights organization, is the third oldest civil rights groups in the United States. Farmer, who retired from UMW in 1998, died in 1999.

"Generally the feedback is positive except a lot of people think we're just going to be getting a day off," group member and freshman Mary Beth Holbrook said.

Holbrook acknowledges the likelihood of students sitting around on the day off if it is approved but hopes through the group's actions more students will get involved with the celebration of the day.

In an e-mailed response, Frawley agreed.

"We want to be as supportive of the MLK events as we can," he said. "And mostly want maximum participation in events recognizing and furthering Dr. King's goals."

Associate Professor of Sociology and Senator at Large of Faculty Senate Kristin Marsh supports the students' incentive to enhance the school's recognition of the day. She agrees that MLK day should be commemorated and the school should honor the holiday.

"I am always in favor of students and employees working together toward policy changes that matter to them," Marsh said. "However, I am not sure that a day off is the answer, if only because it privileges one holiday over others—Labor Day, for example."

Klinegore stressed that the success of the group's mission is not only dependent on the administration.

"One of the most important things for our group to accomplish from our efforts is for diversity on campus to be important to many offices," Klinegore said. "Not just the responsibility of the James Farmer Multicultural Center."

On Nov. 20, at the suggestion of Corbin the group, had a follow-up meeting on a much larger scale, with both students and representatives from administration and staff.

Attendees included Leah Cox, assistant dean of academic services; Sabrina Johnson, assistant vice president for human resources and chair of advisory council on diversity and community values; Bernie Chirico, vice president for student affairs; and John Derring, manager of campus dining services.

"I personally thought it went really well. All the administrators were really excited about the ideas that we brought them," Kent said.

Corbin plans to meet with the group again along with several other administrators on Dec. 6.

"At our second meeting [the group] discussed ways to increase visibility of Dr. King's goals and accomplishments in between classes and prior to the annual program in Dodd Auditorium," he said.

Sub-committees have been organized to plan the events for the week of MLK day, which will be the first day of the spring semester. Committees to organize a campus demonstration, set up food for an evening soul food dinner and find speaker to recruit speakers for the celebration have been formed.

Corbin, who said canceling classes for this school year is not feasible, believes the new activities in planning will enhance the campus-wide celebration.

"It's still [up] in the air," Kent said. The group says the cancellation of classes is most likely dependent on the approval of Rosemary Barra, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, who, along with Frawley, decides the academic schedule.

"Not only would this complicate our in-place scheduling," Frawley said. "But my guess is that students would likely not fully return to classes until the day after, and so we would defeat our purpose of having maximum participation."

"We hope that people have a better understanding of the actions of Martin Luther King, Jr. and diversity in our community as a whole," Holbrook said, "and how we can all work together to better understand diversity in our campus-wide community."

Tuition Bills Go Online

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Junior Casey Pherson felt that dealing with bills at this time of year was too much to handle.

"While I think it's a good idea for students to see what's being spent on their college education in the case that they're not performing up to par, I feel that it complicates our life a great deal," Pherson said. "We have papers, exams, and presentations to worry about and now we have to worry about tuition bills."

Pearce said that UMW has switched to this method of distributing bills because it reduces the chances of bills being lost, minimizes the handling process in the offices, and reduces cost.

"The new billing process allows our staff to be freed up from doing one less thing so that they can be doing other things for the school," Pearce said. "We may have had to hire more staff in the future if we didn't make this change."

This change in the distribution of bills is the first step into another change in the billing process. According to both Lawlor and Pearce, UMW hopes to have the billing statements available on Banner in the future.

Pearce stated that several schools such as Virginia Tech have been using distributing bills virtually for at least two years, first through email and then through an online portal.

For now, the UMW bills are still to be paid by the same process as before, after printing out the billing statements from the emails. If a student accidentally deletes their bill they can contact the Office of Student Accounts to receive a new billing statement as soon as possible.

According to Lawlor, students who are given late fees due to the change can make an appeal to have the fee reduced or removed. These will be looked at on a case-by-case basis. All billing dates can be found on the Student Accounts website as well.

Both Lawlor and Pearce have received mixed emotions from students and parents about the new billing methods.

"I know that students are being bombarded with emails, but this is just a step before we can have the bills on the Portal," said Pearce. "Change is always a little bumpy to begin with."

happy holidays!



see you next semester!



-the bulletin

Viewpoints

Sexclimations Who Needs Mistletoe?



By Elz England, Staff Writer

"Tis the season to be jolly. What is the reasoning behind this conventional adage you ask? Gifts. Although you

may no longer attack the Christmas tree/Hanukkah bush like a scene out of "Kujo," you still experience that primal satisfaction of tearing through meticulously and artfully wrapped presents.

Certainly the holidays are the time to appreciate other things in life: friends, family, the birth of Jesus, the festival of lights, good turkey, no homework, etc. But, to my knowledge no college student has refused a Nintendo Wii in order to meditate on the importance of friends.

However, I'm not dedicating this week's column to the sin of avarice and the amazing new game systems available this holiday season. Instead, this week's topic is gift-giving, particularly guidelines and ideas for sexy gifts.

It's always difficult to buy presents for a significant other, but the college lifestyle makes it even harder. I mean to say, you're broke and have no intention of selling your beloved watch in order to buy silver combs for your girlfriend. That's OK. I have included a cheap, but sweet option that won't dent a bank account.

First rule of giving a sexy gift: you should be sexually active in that relationship. If you're trying to get your girlfriend/boyfriend to bed, giving them edible lube would be insulting and disrespectful. Also, you may want to include a real gift, like a sweater, so that when Mom asks what he or she got, a partial truth will suffice. Plus, it's a nice gesture that says "I like you for more than just sex," which everyone likes to hear.

The following is a list compiled by polling many friends and acquaintances about their favorite sexy gift or what they would like to receive from a significant other. Keep in mind that even though this may be a column offering advice; no one knows your relationship better than you. If you know your girlfriend would get offended if you gave her handcuffs, don't do it because I said so. Use your common sense. This column is to give you ideas, especially for those already considering giving a sexy present.

Lingerie: This can go both ways. I'm not suggesting that you get your boyfriend a leopard print thong. Instead, placing a sexy corset or new bra

you got from Victoria's Secret in the gift bag with the new Zelda game you got him/her is a sexy promise of fun times to come.

Guys, as much fun as it sounds to peruse the Victoria's Secret Web site to buy whatever you want your girlfriend to wear, it's not a good idea. Sorry to stereotype, but you just don't know enough about lingerie to go at it alone.

Sure, you know your girlfriend's size, but you don't know that front closure bras are usually tighter around, a girl may prefer a smaller size for a demi-cup, corsets aren't as flattering as merry-widows to well-endowed girls etc. You're in over your heads guys. Buy her a gift certificate somewhere. (note: \$30 at Victoria's Secret might buy her a bra), and go shopping with her later.

Sexy Pictures: Trash the traditional strategy of finding an uber-cute couple picture and framing it for your partner. Go for the option involving fewer clothes. This could be as simple as sultry poses in sexy outfits, lingerie, or completely in the buff. It's your call. There are certainly places that take professional photos like this, but unless you're rich, you probably will have to delegate the camera to a trusted friend.

Common sense warning: it should probably be a friend of the same sex. The last reaction you're hoping for is: "Bobby took these pictures of you?!" Bobby has seen you half-naked?!"

Coupon Book: This doesn't necessarily have to be sexual. If you're strapped for cash, you could spend a couple bucks at a craft store a whip this option up. Some suggestions for inside: free foot rub, free night out with the girls/guys, dinner and a movie on your tab, a six pack of their favorite beer, a night suffering through their favorite flick (again), etc. If you want to make it naughty, go ahead; I don't think you need suggestions from me.

Miscellaneous: Handcuffs. Note: if you intend to use a bed posts you will need two pairs. Get the furry kind; Smith & Wesson's will not make sex more enjoyable. Massage oil, because nothing says "I love you" like a back massage. I'm not kidding. Other random fun things you might be itching to try: edible lube, chocolate body paint, feather duster, etc.

Ultimately, you know your partner best. Even if you don't get them a sexy gift, make sure to let them know they're hot and you're lucky. I wish everyone a great stress free break! Sexclimations will return after the holidays!

Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

Remember the elementary days when your parents gushed over homemade wreaths made from unwrapped toilet paper rolls you painted green? (Maybe that was just me.)

But one thing's for sure this holiday season: you might be finding yourself as strapped for cash as you were in the third grade.

As an older and wiser college student (maybe with a semester of finance under your belt), there are ways to buy gifts on a Tiny Tim budget.

First outlet of cash: sell back books. Overcome the temptation to toss your finance or econ book in the trash walking out of the debilitating final. It can still be out of your life forever (and you're that much richer) if you exchange the textbook for cash.

Freshman year my best friends—the Six Pack—went the route of a Secret Santa exchange. It's the thought that counts, and luckily I only had to think once, not five times. At home that Christmas, my best friend Nora and I got each other the identical gift: nothing.

Cash outlet number two: in your wallet is an AmEx card, with credit to buy couture pieces you can't find anywhere else. And when I say AmEx I mean your student ID with EagleOne funds and when I say couture pieces I mean the UMW logo apparel and trinkets from our Bookstore.

Parents love presents with college insignias. Just as BMW gives a new owner a courtesy BMW T-shirt with every car, giving parents

college loot is a way of saying, "Thanks for the thousands you spent on me this semester. Please keep doing it." Between my sister's annual presents of "Proud UVA Parent!" navy and orange balls and my "MWC Mom!" blue balls, I think my parents have acquired enough ornaments to dress an entire Evergreen.

For UMW friends this Christmas, frames are your friend. Frame you and your friends with ones they sell in the entrance of Target for a buck. By now, countless Webshots and facebook albums have been created (scroll back to the crazy pic of you guys tagged in "Homecoming: The Best Weekend of My Life" and print that baby out).

If your grades are up, they too can make the perfect gift. At the Macaroni Grill Christmas Eve, I slid a turquoise box across the table to mom. Its contents: my printed first semester sophomore year grades, folded many times to fit into Tiffany's 3" box.

Maybe it was the Christmas spirits she just had with her mahi mahi, but she acted as excited about my 3.75 as she would have been about a diamond pendant. It was certainly an improvement from freshman year's Christmas Eve at P.F. Chang's, when I announced my C+ average GPA over the dinner table. By the look on my parents' faces, the number might as well have been etched in coal.

The next morning I gave them a peace offering: a (framed) Art 2-D project I got an A on that semester. They loved it.



One of Oprah's favorite gifts this year: a Philip Stein watch for \$595 at Neiman Marcus. Fortunately, there are other gifts for mom out there that won't break the bank.

The Paper Is Your Forum

"Sexclimations" Co-Founder Explains The Press, Free Speech

By BETSY CRUMB
Editor in Chief Emeritus

In 1735, Andrew Hamilton argued to a jury in New York State that there is "no libel in publishing the truth." He won his case.

In 1776, the great Commonwealth of Virginia proclaimed that "the freedom of the press is one of the greatest bulwarks of liberty and can never be restrained but by despotic governments."

On Dec. 15, 1791, the great founding fathers took these ideas to a whole new level: They made it federal law to prohibit the restriction of free speech.

In fact, it was perhaps such a hot topic, ol' Ben and John and TJ thought it should probably be the first amendment to the United States Constitution.

I understand that there is currently a petition circulating the campus regarding the banning of "Sexclimations."

As the founding "mother" of the column, I'd like to explain its function.

My reasons for beginning a sex column were not to "shock and awe" the campus. They were not to brag about my sexual prowess. And I'm pretty sure it was not to preach a satanic agenda.

No, actually, the reasons behind the column were—if you can believe it—altruistic.

As a women's studies major, I can say I spent a fair share of my time at Mary Wash discussing gender and sexuality and how it all plays a role in society and our lives.

I analyzed sexuality through a psychological lens, a historical lens, a religious lens, and even a literary lens. I read books like "Cunt: a declaration of independence"; I saw shows such as "The Vagina Monologues"; and I talked endlessly with my friends about a woman's role.

What I didn't have, however, was a forum that allowed me to ask questions about sexuality, divulge my fears about it or have a healthy outlook on it at all.

In fact, that seems to be a trend in this nation (and world): don't ask, don't tell.

Maybe that's why AIDS is rampant and STDs

have a higher prevalence on college campuses than anywhere else. Maybe that's why 14-year-olds girls are wearing T-shirts with Playboy bunny symbols on them but not understanding the significance.

And maybe that's why men can pick up condoms without any questions asked at the health center, yet for women to get the pill, they have to sit through a training session.

So "Sexclimations" was my (or Elz's and my) way of showing this campus that it's OK to have sex. It's OK to have questions about sex. Or it's OK to not have sex.

The point, my friends, is that the option is yours but no one can make a healthy decision if they are not informed.

And if you still can't see a reason the column should be in the paper (despite the fact that sex columns can be found in almost every other college newspaper), then let's go back to that whole first amendment thing.

Guess what: it's in the Constitution for a reason. Even our great government officials (notwithstanding the current administration, perhaps) seem to be in agreement that the press deserves the right to print what they like, so long as it's not libelous.

Just as I have a right to write a column about sex, or publish a letter, you have a right to write about what you please.

Want to write about how we should all be abstinent until marriage? Want to explain that watching pornographic movies isn't the best way to learn how to have sex?

Use the newspaper as a forum. Enjoy that little thing we call the first amendment.

And as you enjoy your right to free assembly and travel the campus in search of signatures, consider Thomas Jefferson's quote as food for thought:

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Betsy Crumb is an alumna who graduated in 2006. She is the co-founder of "Sexclimations."

Some Out-Of-Staters Couldn't Vote

This letter was written in responses to "Absentee Ballots Never Received," (Nov. 16, 2006, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

I feel that this article ignored another major population on this campus who never received their absentee ballots.

Many out-of-staters, such as myself, did not receive their absentee ballot. I even called my board of elections to see if they got anything in the mail, which they did not.

I have asked several other people who were out-of-state if they got one and they said they did not.

I am not attacking anyone directly, but I think it was more than a mail problem.

I also feel that this article focused too much on defending the personal character of Sara Byrd. As I have said before, I am not attacking her, but something must have happened. I feel that overall

interests of out-of-state students are put on the sideline for in-state students.

Yes, it is a public state institution, but more things should be offered to help out-of-staters. More scholarship opportunities and so on. To solve the voting problem, how about getting the day off for election day itself, some out-of-state students, such as myself would be able to drive home to vote, but are not willing to miss classes.

It would have taken me two hours both trips to go vote, but my schedule would not allow it.

I also feel this article put too much blame on the students. First of all, I did not see a highlighted display to help me fill out a form.

Secondly, if I did fill out mine wrong, I did not get a call or a message on my answering machine.

Overall, things should be more organized for the next election. It was very frustrating because I was really trying to get involved locally, especially for the county officials.

Anna Langley is a junior.

"Royale" Rocks

This letter was written in response to "Casino Cashes In On A New, Harder Bond," (Nov. 30, 2006, *The Bulletin*).

Dear Editor:

Great review, but just a few corrections which, while not entirely necessary (or necessary at all), I feel should be noted.

Product placement? Absolutely. Ford 500? Hell no, that was actually a Ford Mondeo, Ford sells cars all over the globe that are arguably better than the cars that they sell here in the U.S. The Mondeo is one of them (we got stuck with the Taurus).

Good ol' Pierce Bronsan was the first to up-

grade to the Walther P99 in "Tomorrow Never Dies."

Lastly, the recipe that Bond spurts out in the game to the barman, that is also enjoyed by two other individuals, one of which is Felix Leiter who is a character of the classic movies, is his "tired" martini. Despite Smirnoff commercials, the recipe Bond gave is the original recipe.

Another note is that the Vesper that Bond drinks in the movie was actually a drink that Ian Fleming (author of the original Bond novels) enjoyed on a trip to Jamaica before writing the first Bond novel (*Casino Royale*) which was published in 1953.

Anyway, great write-up of a great movie. I actually saw it twice.

Dennis Irizarry is a freshman.

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Sports

Eagle Men Undefeated

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

Amidst a number of memorable performances, it was 6'4" freshman Billy Mitchell's flashy drives to the hoop and dishes under the basket that brought Eagle fans to their feet and Hood players to their seats Saturday.

Despite only playing seven minutes and scoring two points, Mitchell capitalized on his court time during the men's basketball 76-60 victory over Hood College. Late in the second half, he dribbled at the top of the key, a towering 6'8" Hood defender between him and the basket. Cocking his leg, Mitchell did a classic shake-and-bake past opponents and into the paint for the score. Hood center Jesse Gutekunst looked dazed as the crowd erupted.

According to Mitchell, it's this kind of play that he works on daily.

"Ball handling is a main part of my game," he said. "I'm just a young player that's trying to do what I can when my name is called. I have a lot of great players in front of me to look up to and learn from and that will help me in the years to come."

However, Mitchell's skills on the court were not the only highlight of an intense home game for the Eagles. Head coach Rod Wood said all four of his freshmen are developing.

"Billy's kind of flashy so he's more noticed but they're all equally as important," he said.

First Half

With President William Frawley watching, UMW entered Saturday's game defending a spotless 4-0 record. From the tip-off, the game was characterized by wild plays, an often frantic pace and crowd pleasing moments. The Eagles set a quick tempo and earned an early 5-0 lead before Hood scored their first basket of the day.

A three pointer from sophomore Kiernan Whitworth increased the Eagles lead to 10 as Hood's defense fell apart. This would be the first of 18 three pointers for UMW, a school record.

According to Whitworth, the three point line has always been familiar territory for the Eagles.

"Coach really gives us all the green light to shoot threes and Hood was playing a zone defense that enabled us to get open in gaps behind the arc," he said.

Wood said he gives the green light to his players on three pointers and field goals alike.

"If they're open I expect them to take the shot and if they take the shot I expect them to make it," he said.

Hood's ray of light in the first half came from 5'9" senior Darnell Edmonds, a Spud Webb-esque guard with great speed out of the gate. Despite Edmonds' drives into the paint, Hood could not connect from the field and continued to trail.

With a little over 11 minutes remaining in the first half, senior Mike Lee hit a three pointer to put the score at 26-12. Shots kept falling from behind the arc for the Eagles, who were all over the boards as well.

The game's physicality grew with UMW's lead, which reached a peak of 19 with a score of 32-13 around the six and half minute mark. At one point a trio of Eagle teammates were all fighting for the rebound, Hood's jerseys no where to be seen under the basket.

As the first half wound down, the pace went from quick to chaotic as players leapt, dove and struggled for the loose ball.

The Eagles began to falter on offense and temporarily lost their hot hand. Although Hood could not fully capitalize, they did bring the score to 35-23 with two minutes left.

According to Wood, the Eagles lost focus as halftime approached.

"Our team has the tendency that when we get up by a little bit we want to make a ten point lead a 40 point lead and call it a day," he said. "And that just doesn't happen."

With the final minute before halftime approaching, Hood's looming center Gutekunst hit a three with so little arc that it resembled more of a pass than a shot. ("That boy's big," said an Eagle fan).

Gutekunst's score ignited the Hood bench, whose excitement grew after UMW traveled on the next possession. The Blazers made another basket as Eagle fans fell silent. A once 19 point lead had been reduced to five. The Eagles entered halftime up 35-30 after surviving a 17-3 run from Hood.

According to Whitworth, who scored 16 points overall, first half play went up and down.

"I think we played well in the first 10 minutes then we had a lapse of concentration and got away from that way we were playing, which allowed Hood to come back," he said.

Wood agreed.

"Offensively the last ten minutes of the first half we didn't execute well offensively, our spacing was poor and we didn't run what we were sup-

posed to run," he said.

Second Half

Crowd excitement persisted as the second half got underway with a three pointer to begin an electrifying series of plays. Following the try the Eagles took a charge on defense and hit another three before a steal. A taxing minute for fans and players alike, the series culminated in a loose ball barely missing the ceiling as players dove for possession.

After three minutes Hood had yet to score and the Eagles quickly increased their lead, 44-30. The Blazers scored their first point of the half shortly after as the tempo settled down. Hood snatched several offensive rebounds but once again failed to take advantage of UMW's shortcomings.

Two consecutive three pointers for the Eagles took away any momentum Hood had been building before Mitchell wiggled his way past defenders once again. The Eagles worked the passing lanes and managed to keep Hood at bay.

The Eagles quickly provided another fan favorite when 5'8" UMW sophomore Matt Hale hit a three over Gutekunst's foot taller frame, who once again looked a step behind on the court.

Not to be outdone, senior Justin Baker delighted fans in a play characteristic of any good (or bad for that matter) basketball movie. Chasing down a Hood breakaway, Baker quickly came from behind an unaware Blazer. Hood attempted

to make a lay up, only to be vehemently denied as Baker stuffed the ball against the backboard. Eagle fans on their feet, Hood could have packed up then. The contest was over.

UMW extended its lead to 20 with under five minutes in the game, 70-50. A cruel joke by the basketball gods, Gutekunst was forced to guard UMW's Mitchell in the final minutes under Hood's zone defense.

The Eagles lead by as much as 22 before Wood took out most of the starters. With under two minutes to go, the crowd rose to its feet and sang "Na na na na, hey hey hey, goodbye." UMW had not only sent Hood packing; they also extended their perfect season start to 5-0, a program record.

Post-Game Reaction

Whitworth attributed the Eagles' success to both experienced veterans and fresh faces.

"We have great senior leadership this year so it's really like having extra coaches on the court," he said. "The incoming freshmen are helping out with good minutes and they are really learning to play well together which will be a big factor next year."

Wood also acknowledged the record start.

"Last year we put in a new offense so the guys were learning that," he said. "I hope a year of doing it and maturation of the players both in the system and also age wise has [led to our success]," he said.



Lauren Boston/Bulletin

Senior Justin Bakes tries to break past a Hood defender during Saturday's 76-60 win over the Blazers. The Eagles are 5-0 to start the season, a men's basketball program record.



Courtesy Clint Offen

"If they're open I expect them to take the shot and if they take the shot I expect them to make it."

- Rod Wood

A timeout by Hood in order to regroup proved ineffective with UMW penetrating into the paint to create open perimeter shots that were sinking.

Injuries Affect P.E. Students

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sport. JMU does offer P.E. classes, but they are not a requirement for a degree. According to Mike Goldberger, the chair of the department of kinesiology, there is no policy for students who are injured in P.E. classes. He said injury has never been a problem in any courses offered.

The health and physical education department does offer classes to students with physical disabilities who would not be able to participate in regular P.E. classes.

Women's volleyball and softball coach, Dee Conway, teaches adaptive P.E. The class is designed for students with medical and physical disabilities. Only one class is offered a semester. Students need special permission from Conway and their doctors to sign up. Conway said she typically has one to three students per semester.

Men's basketball coach and weight training teacher Rod Wood said he might encourage students who were injured to consider transferring into adaptive P.E. Wood judges injuries on a case by case basis. However, he said that injuries in P.E.

classes are rare. He also pointed out that all P.E. teachers allow a certain number of absences per semester, and that hopefully, some injuries would require no more than the allotted absences.

"I look at it [an injured student] can get any meaningful and educational part to the class," Wood said.

Wood could think of one recent injury when a student broke his ankle in basketball class. The student, who wasn't required to take the class, dropped the class immediately without talking to Wood about trying to remain in the course.

Wood also considers where the injury occurred on the body and if the student could still participate in any area of the P.E. class.

"If a student injures their knee, they can still do upper body workouts," Wood said.

In addition to adaptive P.E., Conway teaches individual exercise. She also determines the fate of injured students based on each individual case.

"It's a participation class, and if you can't participate, you can't pass the class," Conway said.

Conway said she has never had a student get injured during one of her classes and has never had

a student leave because of injury.

Swimming coach Matt Kinney, who teaches swimming P.E. classes, also said he has never had an injury occur in his P.E. classes. He said if an injury did occur in or out of class, hopefully it would be one that would still allow the student to participate.

"Anybody would try to work with a kid to make them successful," Kinney said. "They may not be able to do a certain stroke, but they may be able to do something."

At the beginning of each semester, all students enrolled in physical education classes must sign a student information form which requires students to list any physical conditions that may limit their participation. This form in no way waives liability of the health and physical education department if an injury occurs.

According to Hegmann, the department keeps records of injuries

during P.E. classes. However, there are no records because none have been filed.

As for Colson, Applebury decided early on to let her pass the class.

"She still shows up and participates by keeping score," Applebury said.

Colson will get ACL surgery in mid-December and hopefully be playing again in the winter.

"I just wish I could play," she said.

"It's a participation class, and if you can't participate, you can't pass the class."

- Dee Conway

Sports

New Basketball Club Takes Off

By JEREMY JORDAN
Staff Writer

When the game is at stake, the University of Mary Washington club basketball team is no joke.

During a recent competition junior Marlysa Lohr went up for a rebound and woke up minutes later in a daze.

"Am I bleeding?" she asked the opposing bench.

Blood was the least of Lohr's problems. Her dad informed her that not only was her nose broken, but that she was going to have to straighten it out on her own. Lohr popped it right back in but wasn't allowed to return.

"They wouldn't let me go back in though because I was bleeding a lot," she said.

According to sophomore Kate Mauer, by the end of the game things were so heated that "one of the freshmen was about ready to fight someone," she said.

The women's club basketball team may be in their first season, but have already played in several tournaments including the most recent one in Maryland. UMW had two huge wins over Georgetown and Rutgers, the number one seeded team in the tournament.

The girls hope to host a tournament at UMW this year possibly in March when the varsity teams complete their seasons.

A major obstacle facing the Eagles right now is the absence of a coach. Junior Sam Staebell, the team captain and club president, has been forced to be both player and coach. She said that substitutions are often difficult as she tries to get everyone equal playing time but sometimes forgets people at the end of the bench.

Staebell also said it's difficult because the women come from different coaching styles and she sometimes doesn't know whether to yell or praise the players.

However, Lohr said it hasn't been a problem. "We all did a pretty good job compromising with our different playing styles," she said.

Staebell, though, still has a hard time with coaching her friends.

"It's kind of hard because they're all my peers, so I'll yell at them, but then I'll make the same mistakes while I'm in," she said.

For drills, many of the girls are able to draw upon what they've done in high school. According to Maurer, practices are much more structured now.

"It didn't start off that way, but after a couple weeks we realized that we wanted to get better," she said.



Courtesy Sam Staebell

The women's basketball poses with their trophy after a tournament appearance this fall. Junior Sam Staebell began the process of applying for club status last spring. The team now has 12 girls from various basketball backgrounds.

The club team now includes 12 girls, many of which wanted something more intense than intramural sports but less time consuming than Varsity. Lohr joined because she wanted to get more involved, but said it is time-consuming.

Practices take up a lot of time. School is number one for me it's the top priority."

The process in attaining club status was not an easy one. It began when Staebell visited college-board.com and noticed that UMW didn't have a club basketball team.

Last April she navigated the maze of paperwork, including sending in an application twice to the old and new officers. The team then held a few interest meeting to recruit women.

A constitution was created and a president and vice-president were elected. John MacDonald, the head of Campus Recreation, had to then decide how much money to give the team. MacDonald said that the priority is to association dues, referees, tournaments, and then some is set aside for

emergencies such as broken equipment.

The Eagles practice two times a week in the Goolrick Auxiliary gym.

Staebell said there are challenges that come with the gym.

"We can't do out of bounds plays since the gym is so small, and most of the rims are dead," she said.

The basketball team, along with the other clubs are under a number crunch. The school gives Campus Recreation \$24,000. However, there 14 active clubs with golf and hockey soon to make it 16.

According to Maurer, the team isn't a top priority among clubs right now.

"Since we're a new team, we're lower on the list of priorities, and we need don't need as much equipment as other teams do," she said. We completely understand, we're not complaining. [MacDonald's] done a lot for us this season. He's pulled as many strings as he can."

As a new team, club basketball receives \$1,000.

\$300 of that total went into the purchase of uniforms, and each tournament entry fee is about \$200.

At first the team went without uniforms. They wore numbered pennies, but many were duplicates, which led to a technical foul in their first game.

Since then, the team has held many fundraisers. Early in the year they sold candy bars and have also done fundraisers at restaurants.

The Eagles made over \$250 at Buffalo Wild Wings but made no money at Cici's Pizza because the women failed to reach \$500 in sales.

According to Lohr, fundraising is a necessary evil.

"A lot of things come from it, like skills from organizing and team bonding," she said.

MacDonald said he would love to help, but it's not that easy.

"Everyone wants more money; I just don't have it," he said.

P.E. Attendance Policies Vary

By ERICA MASON
Staff Writer

When sophomore Lauren Colson heard a snap while scrimmaging in her basketball physical education class in early October, she knew something was wrong.

"I heard a pop and a crack, and I fell over," she said.

Colson had torn her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL), trying to get past by a defender while dribbling the ball. She crossed the ball from one hand to the other, took a step, and fell down. The ACL is a very important ligament in the knee, and acts as a cushioning for all depression placed on the knee. Therefore, Colson was unable to do any physical activity other than walking.

Since she could no longer continue playing in P.E. class, Colson was worried she may be forced to drop the class, if not fail due to lack of participation. The Department of Health and Physical Education has no set rule for this situation.

According to Ed Hegmann, the department's chair, the instructors come up with their own policies on allowing an injured student to pass.

"Each professor can have their own regulation as to how much of participation must you engage in to successfully pass the class," Hegmann said. "They have the flexibility to have a standard in their own class. The physical education instructors are just like the academic instructors in that they are allowed to organize their own courses," he said.

Track and field coach and individual exercise instructor Stan Soper does not have an established policy for injured students.

"I deal with every situation on an individual basis," Soper said. "I try to consider all the factors and circumstances."

Soper said allowing a student to pass depends on when the injury occurred and how long the injury would prevent them from participating.

"It's very different for someone to be injured in September with something serious than to be hurt in November," he said.

Women's basketball coach and Colson's P.E. instructor Deena Applebury follows similar guidelines.

"It certainly depends on the severity of the injury," she said. "Is the person going to be out two days or two months?"

Applebury said she has rarely had to deal with students being injured in, whether during or outside of, her physical education classes.

Hegmann said that the health and physical education department is just like any academic department, giving its teachers flexibility to organize their courses.

P.E. classes are a dying breed at other universities in Virginia. Christopher Newport University removed their entire physical education department several years ago, according to their athletic director C.J. Woollum.

The Office of Admissions at Virginia Commonwealth University said the school does not offer any P.E. classes to their students, either.

James Madison University does have a general education requirement for physical education. However, the requirement is called an activity class, and involves no skill development in any particular

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Eagle cheerleaders perform during the men's basketball game Saturday.